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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES LARGEST SINGLE INVESTMENT IN NORTH DAKOTA

**Jamestown, ND, November 11, 2009** - USDA Rural Development Under Secretary Dallas Tonsager together with USDA Rural Development State Director Jasper Schneider today join



Senators Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan and Congressman Earl Pomeroy in announcing \$46 million worth of funding to construct a 25-bed critical access hospital in Jamestown, N.D. The funding is made available through USDA Rural Development's Community Programs.

Officials pose Wednesday in Jamestown, N.D., with a symbolic check in the amount of \$46 million during groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Jamestown Regional Medical Center. From left are Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.; Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D.; Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.; Alan O'Neil, vice president of finance for Jamestown Hospital; Jasper Schneider, North Dakota state director of USDA Rural Development; Cindy Gohner, vice president of clinical services for Jamestown Hospital; Harvey Huber, chairman of the Jamestown Hospital board of trustees; Dallas Tonsager, undersecretary for USDA Rural Development; and Marty Richman, CEO of Jamestown Hospital.

“The ground we break today sets the foundation for state-of-the-art medical care to come to the community of Jamestown and its surrounding neighbors,” Tonsager said during the Jamestown Hospital groundbreaking ceremony. “I commend your vision and commitment for affordable and quality healthcare.”



The proposed new medical center will be built over the next 20 months with an anticipated opening of mid 2011. This state of the art facility will attract new services and physicians to

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South Central North Dakota. It will be built on a 50-acre site on the south side of Interstate 94 just west of Jamestown. Upon completion of the new Jamestown facility, 22,650 local residents will have access to an 117,000 square foot high-technology medical care facility on a 43.5 acre campus. “USDA Rural Development is proud to partner with our federal delegation and the community of Jamestown to make the new hospital a reality,” Schneider said. “The \$46 million funding is the largest project our office has been involved with and is consistent with our vision of providing superior health care and improve the quality of life to rural North Dakotans.”

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$52,460,000 which will be leveraged with applicant contributions.

In Fiscal Year 2009, USDA Rural Development provided \$56.4 million in housing programs, \$79.7 million in business and community programs, and \$647.1 million in electric programs to North Dakota citizens.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA Rural Development’s web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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